



Assistance in requesting an operator code

Length of the operator code

In accordance with Recommendation M.1400, the length of the operator code is limited to 6 characters (numeric or alphanumeric).

Additional information

In the case of an application for allocation of a national or international operator code, the office acts as the sponsoring authority with regard to the ITU TSB, which is the competent international body for the allocation of operator codes. All requests are processed and examined, then forwarded to the ITU TSB. The ITU TSB ensures that each operator code is allocated only once.

References to standards

Allocation of operator codes for interconnected networks is based on ITU-T Recommendation M.1400.

The country code is allocated in accordance with ISO standard 3166.

Format of an operator code

The operator code is part of the general layer 1 format used to designate all types of international and national channels (leased circuits, numeric blocks, etc.) in conformity with the provisions of Recommendation M.1400. These codes must be unique at world level. The general basic format is arranged as follows:

Designation format	Town A	/	Suffix	/	Operator code	/	Country code
Signs	Characters	Slash	Letters/ numbers	Slash	Letters/ numbers	Slash	Letters
Number of characters	max.12	1	max. 3	1	max. 6	1	3 acc. to ISO 31